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SUBJECT: DONALD L. WALKER

1. AMCIT DONAL L. WALKER REPORTED TO CONGEN THAT HE HAD BEEN DENIED ENTRY INTO ROMANIA AT VSAR, YUGOSLAVIA BORDER CROSSING POINT. WALKER, A LONG-TERM RESIDENT OF GERMANY AND A BAPTIST MINISTER, WAS DRIVING A GERMAN-REGISTERED VEHICLE AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SON AND AMCIT DR. WILBER WELCH. SON, WELCH AND VEHICLE WERE PERMITTED TO ENTER.

2. WHEN ROMANIAN OFFICIALS WERE ASKED WHY THEY WERE DENYING HIM ENTRY, THEY TOLD HIM THAT HE SHOULD KNOW THE REASON. FINALLY, THEY SAID THAT IT WAS BECAUSE THE LAST TIME HE HAD ENTERED HE HAD HAD A GERMAN PASSPORT AND NOW HE HAD AN AMERICAN ONE.

3. WALKER DENIED EVER HAVING HAD A GERMAN PASSPORT. ALTHOUGH HE HAS ENTERED ROMANIA SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS CONCERNING CHURCH AFFAIRS, WALKER THINKS THAT DENIAL MIGHT HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIS MEETING WITH BAPTIST MINISTER, DR. IOSIF TON, IN ROMANIA DURING PREVIOUS VISIT. ACCORDING TO WALKER, TON IS VERY ACTIVE IN ATTEMPTING TO BROADEN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN ROMANIA AND
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HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED AS A RESULT OF HIS ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, WALKER STATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS MEETING OR ANY OF HIS OTHER ACTIVITIES VIOLATED ROMANIAN LAW.

4. WALKER WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S OBTAINING FROM ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES REASONS FOR HIS DENIAL OF ENTRY AND

LIKELIHOOD OF HIS BEING PERMITTED TO VISIT ROMANIA IN THE FUTURE. WALKER FEELS THAT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY EMBASSY MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

5. IF POSSIBLE, WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY PRIOR TO JUNE 14, WHEN WALKER WILL LEAVE FOR U.S. ON EXTENDED VACATION. HOWEVER, IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE WE CAN SEND YOUR REPLY TO WALKER IN THE U.S. SUBSEQUENTLY.

6. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF TON'S RECENT PROBLEMS WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIALDOM, WE ASSUME WALKER'S DIFFICULTIES MAY WELL STEM FROM HIS PAST ASSOCIATION WITH HIM. BETTS

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